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To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: William H. Beardsley, Deputy Commissioner*

Date: August 8, 2016

Subject: Receipt of the Report of Findings Regarding the Request of Cornell University and the University of New Hampshire to Receive Authorization to offer Academic Credit Programs in the State of Maine

BACKGROUND: On June 15, 2016, the State Board approved the review team and named Dr. David Townsend as chair to review the application from the University of New Hampshire and Cornell University of New York for authorization to offer academic credit program in the State of Maine. On July 15, 2016 the review team interviewed academicians and administrators from the University of New Hampshire and Cornell University by video conference. Dr. Wilson Hess served as the State Board Observer. During the interview, the review team asked for supplementary information from the two universities to better articulate the application. The information was received on July 20, 2016. Dr. Townsend submitted the finished report to the Department of Education on July 28, 2016 and the report was email to both universities to address any corrections of fact.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive the Report of Findings submitted by the review team that reviewed the request of Cornell University and the University of New Hampshire to receive authorization to offer academic credit programs in the State of Maine.

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